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For : A METHOD FOR THE EXPRESSION AND PURIFICATION OF A PROTEIN
USING BUDDED BACULOVIRUS

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 AND
REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FINALITY OF OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 29, 2004, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until September 29, 2004.

Applicants note that this response is being filed by the initial due date for response whereby an extension of time and the government fee associated therewith should not be necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application. However, if any extension of time is required, including any extension of time for entry of an Examiner's Amendment, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.